

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 10-21 remain herein. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 17 have been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Claim 22 has been added.

Applicants believe the following amendments place the claims in condition for allowance, and surely in better condition for appeal.

1. Applicants note with appreciation Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1, 3-15 and 17-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections and rejections above. For the reasons stated herein, claims 1, 3-15 and 17-21 are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 5-11 and 20-21 were objected to. Claims 5 has been amended, and claim 8 has been canceled, to moot the objections.

3. Claims 1, 3-4, 9 and 12-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3, 6, 12 and 16-17 are amended to moot the rejection. Applicants note that claims 1 and 17 were rejected for not specifying what type "timing signal" is being claimed. One of ordinary skill in the art may use more than one timing signal in the claimed apparatus. Applicant describes a preferred timing signal, for example, in the specification at p. 27, lines 18-30 and Fig. 12. These disclose timing signals MG1-MG4 are voltage signals that alternate between a high level and a low level. Since multiple types of timing signals may be used in applicants' claimed apparatus, applicants' use of the term "timing signal" is not indefinite. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.